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CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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HANDY MAN OF THE JUNGLE WAR

WHEN there is trouble abroad nowadays in difficult country and the British fighting man has to go and clear it up, the helicopter is often the general handy man of the operation.

Belvederes, like the one in our picture, and Whirlwinds have been busy playing a vital part in jungle operations during the last year in Borneo. They have been able to save troops on the ground days and days of cutting their way through tropical undergrowth. The helicopter just drops them where they want to be.

Belvedere helicopters save these soldiers days and days of hacking through dense jungle.

Once an operation gets started the "Whirlibird" drops patrols and supplies for them and also flies any casualties back to hospital. It enables individual commanders, separated from the other forces working with them by dense forest, river or swamp, to meet and confer together.

The Belvedere normally carries a crew of two and can take 19 troops or 12 stretcher cases. Alternatively it can lift 6,000 lb. of freight, while its winch can hoist 600 lb. at a time.

The Whirlwind also usually has a crew of two and carries ten fully armed troops or six stretchers.

In Borneo during the last year Whirlwinds of No. 846 Naval Air Squadron from HMS *Albion* have earned special praise, flying more than 3,700 sorties over dense jungle. Usually they had to work from improvised shore bases.

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IN BRITAIN NOW



MAN WITH A VARIETY OF MENUS

People collect all sorts of things—stamps and picture postcards, for example. But there can be few who make a hobby of collecting ships' menu cards.

From *Rail News* we learn that Bill Thompson, a clerk at the Walsall goods depot of British Railways, has more than 200 of them. Some of them are a foot square, and there are gaily coloured ones.

Apparently, three years or so ago a friend gave Bill a menu card from the *Queen Mary*. This, as it were, gave Bill food for thought. Since then he has collected cards from many of the world's shipping lines.

His hobby does not rest with menu cards alone. Bill also has a thousand programmes from soccer grounds all over the world, and his stamp collection includes a penny black, now valued at around £300.

HOLIDAYS AWHEEL

If you want a holiday with a difference this year, why not drop a line to the Cyclists' Touring Club?

They are staging five Youth Adventure Weeks for cyclists during the summer break, and places as far apart as the Lake District and Kent will be visited.

Each holiday costs only a little over £5 and is open to members *and* non-members aged twelve and upwards.

A programme giving full details can be obtained from: Youth Adventure Weeks, CTC, 3 Craven Hill, London, W.2.

LANCASHIRE IS SO YOUNG

Lancashire is our youngest county—that is, when judged by its people. It has more under-15s and fewer over 65s than any other county in England and Wales.

FAMILY FRIEND



This is Bertie the partridge, feathered friend of 14-year-old Gordon Hill, of Woodbridge, Suffolk. Gordon found Bertie abandoned, so he took him home and cared for him. Now he's the family pet

BOOK FOR VOLUNTEERS

The King George's Jubilee Trust has just issued a booklet, *Opportunities For Service*, to tell young people about voluntary service in Britain.

It lists well over 100 examples, ranging from window-cleaning for old people and Sunday switchboard duty at hospitals to the creation of playgrounds for children and participation in sea and mountain rescue work.

Published with the booklet is a simple, illustrated broadsheet, produced by girls of Kidbrooke comprehensive school, who also feature in a number of photographs. This broadsheet pictures some of the activities undertaken by volunteers.

The booklet, plus the broadsheet, may be obtained for 6d. (post free) from the Trust, at 166 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

MUSSELBURGH GOES TO SEA

A scheme for the disposal of ash will make the Midlothian town of Musselburgh, on the Firth of Forth, bigger by 284 acres.

A generating station is being built at adjoining Cockenzie by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and in its lifetime it is expected to produce nine million tons of ash. This ash will be carried by water through a pipeline to a point two miles away, just off the shore at Musselburgh, where a sea wall, 30 feet wide and rising to eight feet above the high water mark, is to be built.

In about 25 years' time the ash will have filled the space, and 284 acres which were formerly "at sea" will become part of Musselburgh.

HELICOPTER TO THE SCILLIES

A helicopter service between Land's End and the Scilly Isles is to begin on 2nd May.

British European Airways will use two 25-seater craft for the journey of 15 minutes. Already a hundred flights have been fully booked for the summer.

NATURE FILMS

The British Museum has arranged a programme of Natural History lectures and films lasting until the end of March.

The lectures, which begin at three o'clock every afternoon, except Sundays, are given at the Natural History Museum in Cromwell Road, London. Admission is free.

It seems to me...

PRIZE-WINNING PICTURES

ARE you a photographer? You probably are, because this hobby is extremely popular nowadays. As regular readers will know, we are running a monthly series on this subject in CN, with a prize each month for the best photograph submitted.

My picture this week is of one of the prize-winning photographs in another competition—a national one for school camera clubs. The photograph was taken by Anne Toyne (15½), who goes to Lumley Secondary School, in Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Anne's original picture, which is of a scene in her school metalwork room, was taken in colour, but I think you will agree that it is very effective in black and white.

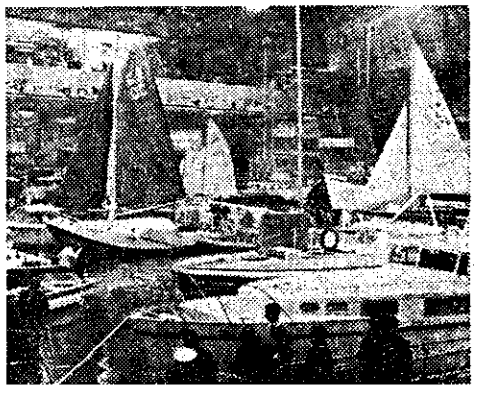


Anne Toyne's prize-winning photograph

This competition is held annually, and Anne was one of the 1963 winners. The 1964 competition is now open. Entry forms and information can be obtained from: The Photographic Information Council, 103 Kingsway, London, WC2. Individuals *may* enter, but the organisers would prefer you to do so through your school camera club.

The Editor

Coming Events



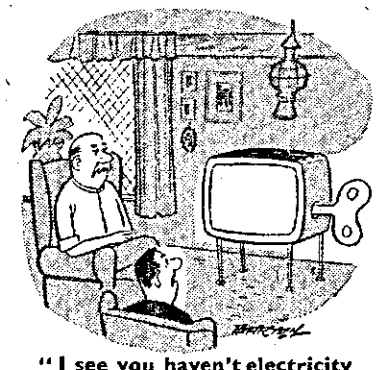
Special Event

BIRMINGHAM: Bingley Hall. Boat and Caravan Show, 26th February—7th March

Also

- **HARROGATE: Open Air and Holiday Exhibition, 29th February—7th March**
- **PORT TALBOT, Glamorgan: Women's Hockey (Wales v England), 29th February**

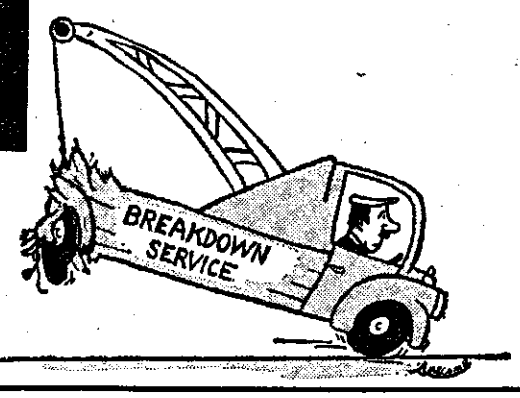
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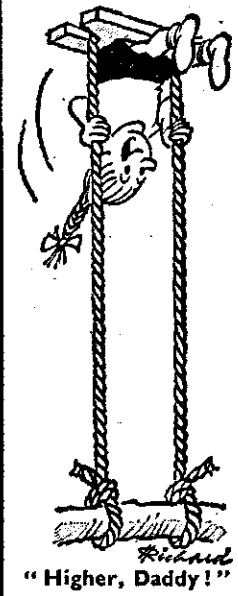


"I see you haven't electricity laid on yet."



"It's time I put my foot down!"





"Higher, Daddy!"



"Remember, gentlemen—whether you work in the north or the south, it's accuracy we want in your reports..."

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KNOW YOUR NEWS

BLACK AND WHITE BOUNDARY

The River Zambezi now divides white-ruled southern Africa from the "Africa of the Africans."

As the colonial period draws to an end, the huge dark-skinned majorities in the newly independent African countries north of the Zambezi, may unite to drive out the remaining white people.

By our Special Correspondent

But, if this danger can be avoided, a wonderful future opens up for Africans and all the other races who regard the continent as their home.

Take the region lying immediately north and south of the "Big River" itself:

NORTHERN RHODESIA has a population of 2½ million Africans and about 90,000 non-Africans.

Recently this British protectorate secured home rule under an African Prime Minister, Mr. Kenneth Kaunda. It expects to become fully independent next autumn.



Mr. Kenneth Kaunda, Prime Minister of Northern Rhodesia.

Through Northern Rhodesia runs the rich Copperbelt, largest source of copper in the Commonwealth, and fourth largest in the world.

About 8,000 Europeans and 42,000 Africans are employed in the copper mines.

The mining of copper and other minerals is Northern Rhodesia's most important industry. But the country is also developing other industries, and agriculture, too.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA has a population of three million Africans and about 240,000 non-Africans, the latter mostly belonging to families of British stock sprung from the pioneers of nearly a century ago.

Until 6th February, 1964, Southern Rhodesia was a self-governing colony. At the last election, in 1962, it returned a government which, with Mr. Winston Field as Prime Minister, has demanded independence under its white rulers.

Tobacco is the colony's chief export. But it produces a wide range of farm products, and also has some flourishing industries.

Between these two lands, which could be made a paradise for all who live in them, flows the Zambezi, 1,600 miles long and a source of immense hydro-electric power.

Kariba Dam

In 1960, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, opened the first stage of the £120,000,000 Kariba dam on the Zambezi. This provided a supply of water power which raised the industrial possibilities of the region to unimaginable heights—given goodwill on all sides.

For ten years the two Rhodesias were members, with Nyasaland, of a white-ruled federation (the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland). This came to an end a few weeks ago.

Now the question is whether these three countries can or will co-operate for economic purposes.

See also pages 6 and 7.

Test your Stamp Knowledge by entering for this super new FREE competition.

STAMP QUIZ



1. Great Britain issued the First Postage Stamp in the World. What is its name?
2. What country issued the famous BLACK SWAN stamp in 1854, and commemorated its Centenary with a similar stamp in 1954?
3. What country issued the first TRIANGULAR stamp in the world—the "Cape Triangular" of 1853?
4. Which country NEVER puts its name on its stamps?
5. What is the correct name for a Stamp Collector?
6. Which country has SVERIGE on its stamps?
7. What was the former name of GHANA?
8. What country has "C.C.C.P." on its stamps?
9. Must a stamp have a Watermark to be genuine?
10. PAKISTAN has had its own stamps since independence in 1947. What country's stamps were used there before 1947?

PRIZES If you answer five or more of the above ten questions correctly, we will send you a prize of a specially imported collection of 200 different stamps of the world, catalogued over 35/-, FREE.

If you get all teh answers correct, we will ALSO send you a packet of 50 different all large-size choice pictorials, catalogued over 12/6, FREE.

The senders of the first 100 All-Correct solutions received will also be sent a genuine 5/- spiral-bound 128-page "BOUNTY" Stamp Album, FREE.

All competitors will be enrolled free of charge into our Super New Approvals Club (we simply send you a booklet of priced stamps "on approval". You buy any you want, and return to us those not wanted, with remittance for any Approvals bought. You are under no obligation to buy any or all the stamps sent On Approval). We will also send you a Free Stamp Club Badge, plus a special Free Gift VOUCHER-CHEQUE value 12/6! This enables you to buy a complete 25/- Approval selection at half-price, if you wish.) Just answer the questions you can, fill in your name and address, cut out the whole of this advertisement, and send it with a 3d. stamp for part-postage to:

UNIVERSAL STAMP CO. (Dept. CNQ)
EASTRINGTON, GOOLE, YORKSHIRE

Please tell your parents you are writing.

If any of your friends wish to enter for this Competition, ask them to write out their answers on notepaper and add their full names and addresses, and send them to us, enclosing a 3d. stamp part-postage.

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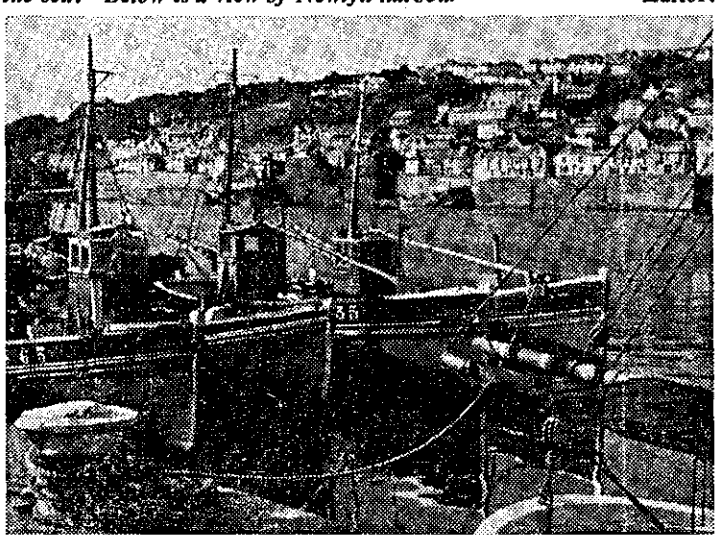
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READERS' LETTERS

IN THE WEST COUNTRY

This week a C N reader has written to me from the picturesque little fishing port of Newlyn, describing how enjoyable it is to live by the sea. Below is a view of Newlyn harbour **Editor.**



Dear Sir,—I live in Newlyn, a little seaside village in Cornwall.

I think I like the sea because I have lived near it all the time. I think the sea is a marvellous source of happiness, because there is so much that it has to offer.

To many people it is a living, for it offers fish, and to obtain fish one must have boats, nets, etc. It is a pleasure which we know will not break or wear out like so many other things do!

The sea has many ways of showing us that although we swim in it, sail it, and explore it, it is its own master.

When walking by the sea, have you ever thought how much there is of it and how little of you?

C N Reader, Newlyn.

THANKS!

Dear Sir,—I am glad that you printed my letter (issue dated 9th November, 1963)—I received 50-60 replies! Jennifer Sheldrake, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand.

C N PICTURES

Dear Sir,—The pictures on the front of C N seem to me to be unrealistic. I do not know if they are photographs that have been changed or if they are artists' impressions.

I do not mind these pictures for pictures of, say, "City of the Future" where no photographs can be obtained, but in most cases I am sure you could get a good photograph.

I hope you will soon change the front pictures to a photograph.

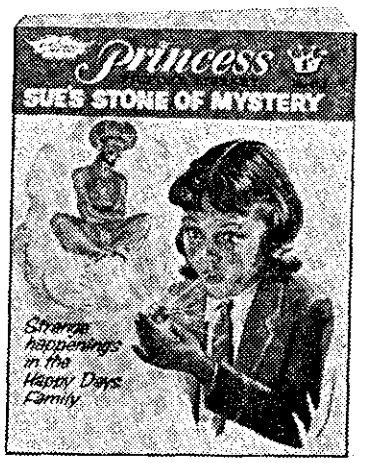
Michael Tedbury, Beckenham.

Our front-page pictures are original drawings and we're very proud of them! I wonder if anyone else has an opinion on the matter?—Editor.

The Editor is always pleased to receive letters from readers, and will publish as many suitable ones as there is room for in this feature. The address to write to is: The Editor, The Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

Princess

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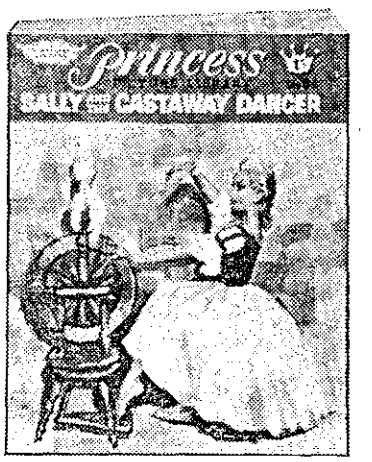
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SUE'S STONE OF MYSTERY

Amazing things start to happen when Sue of the Happy Days family is given a glittering stone by an eastern carpet-seller.

No. 64

SALLY AND THE CASTAWAY DANCER



Young ballerina Sally Doyle has some startling adventures in the South Seas when she starts making a film based on the life of a well-known dancer.

Be sure to get both these great picture-stories, out Monday, 17th February Price 1/- each.

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THIS WIDE WORLD

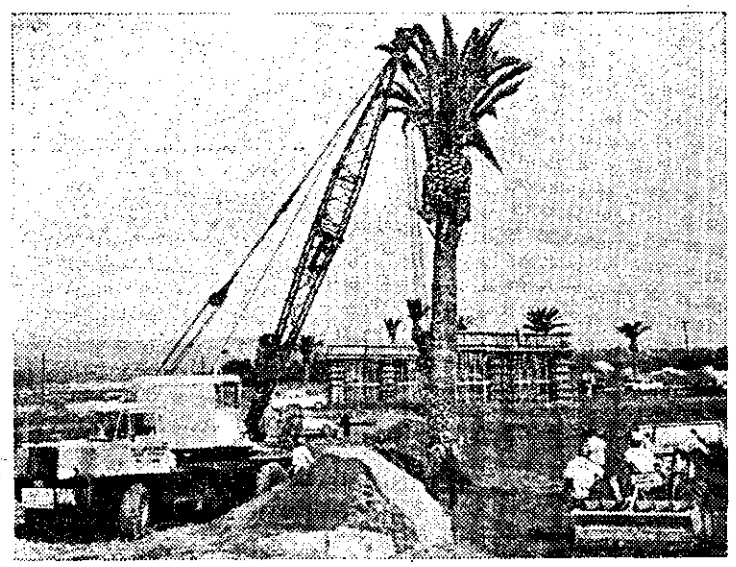
FISHING FOR BIG GAME

The world fishing competition organised by the New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council will begin on 27th February and continue for eleven days. The competition, which was first held in 1960, is staged every two years.

Anglers from South Africa, Hawaii, America, and Tasmania are among the 12 overseas teams, who will use more than 100 boats.

This year the tournament has been divided into two events—a main section for marlin and shark, and another for the two types of tuna and kingfish. The total weight of the catches will decide the prizewinners.

OPERATION PALM TREE



Giant palm trees have been on the move at Camarillo, California. Averaging 40 feet in height and 30 tons in weight, the trees are being transplanted to make way for a new road.

SCIENCE CLUBS IN INDIAN SCHOOLS

The All-India Council of Secondary Education has sponsored a scheme by which science clubs have been started in nearly 200 schools. The idea followed a Unesco meeting in Paris.

Indian teachers in Madura have also started a club with the aim of improving aids for science teaching. More than 400 different aids have been designed and distributed to six schools for testing.

DEER AT THE SPA!

A hunter who saw a wounded deer lying in the water from the warm springs of Rakhmanov, in the Altai Mountains in the Soviet Union, is said to be the founder of one of Russia's most modern spas.

Scientists have since discovered that the springs contain silicic and carbonic acids, and salts of calcium and sodium, which have a curative effect.

PASSING OVER THE BATON ONE MILE UP

A team of parachutists passed a baton from hand to hand five times in a "free fall" from an aircraft over the city of Melbourne, Australia.

During the drop the eight parachutists, who included a 22-year-old woman, fell nearly 1½ miles before opening their parachutes at 4,000 feet. In that fall the 15-inch baton passed through six pairs of hands.

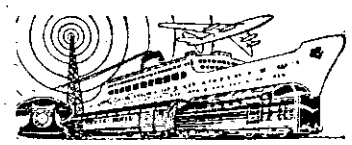
Four of the team will compete in the world parachute championships to be held in Germany in August.

BIG JOB FOR THE SWEEP

A thermal power station being built near Moscow is to have a chimney stack 820 feet high. Built of reinforced concrete, it will be 72 feet in diameter at the base, tapering to 26 feet at the top. In very strong winds it will sway as much as five feet from the perpendicular.

At 820 feet, the chimney will be nearly five times the height of Nelson's Column in London, or half as high again as Blackpool's famous tower.

BRIEFLY . . .



A 63,500-ton ship, to be built at Haverton Hill, County Durham, will be the biggest ever launched on the River Tees.

Arabic for Senegal

The West Africa republic of Senegal is to introduce Arabic in all its schools next year.

The United States Travel Service says that there were 125,753 British visitors last year —an increase of 12½ per cent. over the 1962 total.

Festival In Istanbul

The ninth International Cultural Festival (drama, dance, ballet, choral), organised by the Turkish Student Federation, will be held in Istanbul on 23rd–29th August.

The New Zealand Government has ordered 8,100,000 square feet of linoleum from a firm at Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.

Flying Poultry

A flock of 18,000 pullets and 3,400 older birds went by air from Yorkshire to Bucharest, capital of Rumania. They will stock a poultry farm being built there for the Rumanian Government by a Halifax firm.

Sports equipment will be the official British exhibit at the 13th Milan Triennale, which will open on 27th May.

Advertiser's Announcement


A BLOW FOR BRIAN'S HOPES FROM JIM CLARK
IT'S JIM CLARK! HE'S WON AGAIN! LET'S GET HIS AUTOGRAPH AT THE PITS. RACE YOU!
O.K.
HE'LL WIN! I GET OUT OF BREATH TOO EASILY!
GEE THANKS, MR. CLARK. AND CAN MY PAL BRIAN HAVE ONE? HE WANTS TO BE A GRAND PRIX DRIVER, TOO!
GASP
WELL, BRIAN, YOU'LL NEVER MAKE A G.P. DRIVER IN THAT SHAPE. WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
I DON'T KNOW MR. CLARK – I JUST CAN'T GET MY WIND WHEN I RUN
IT'S THOSE FAGS, BRIAN. I TOLD YOU SMOKING WOULD CUT DOWN YOUR WIND
CIGARETTES, EH? NO WONDER. WORST THING YOU COULD DO
I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T SMOKE, THEN, MR CLARK?
NO I DON'T BRIAN. ANYWAY, WHY PAY GOOD MONEY TO SPOIL YOUR FITNESS
TAKE A TIP FROM ME. THE BEST WAY TO STOP SMOKING IS NEVER START
JIM CLARK WORLD CHAMPION RACING DRIVER

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SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS



June, leader of the Windsor Majoretttes

MEET A MAJORETTE

LEADER of the Windsor Group of Majorettes is 18-year-old June Cox (pictured left). The Group (which numbers ten) performs at football matches and other events in aid of charity, and the Freedom From Hunger Campaign in particular.

But it's not enough to have just a group of pretty girls stepping it out at the head of a band. They have to be really smart and polished in their performance, and that means a lot of practice.

Majorettes are comparatively new in Britain, but they've been a feature of most carnival events in the USA for many years.

GO-AHEAD GIRLS

AT 10

ANNE WHARTON is the new church organist at Orton, Westmorland. The church magazine reports that, after she got over the initial shock of being asked to play, Anne adapted herself very well indeed.

AT 15

Hazel Young of Carlisle is believed to be the youngest girl in the country to have won an exhibition scholarship (Grade 8) to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Because of her age, she has to wait three years before she can go to the school.

AT 16

Heather Meakin has already represented Cheshire schools at hockey and athletics and has hurdled for her county in the All-England Schools' Athletics Championships. So one might suppose that Heather has a promising sports career ahead. But now she's left school and is waiting for her first job, and it's not a job connected with sport but with the stage.

Having passed her stage and ballet examinations, Heather is now hoping for work abroad.



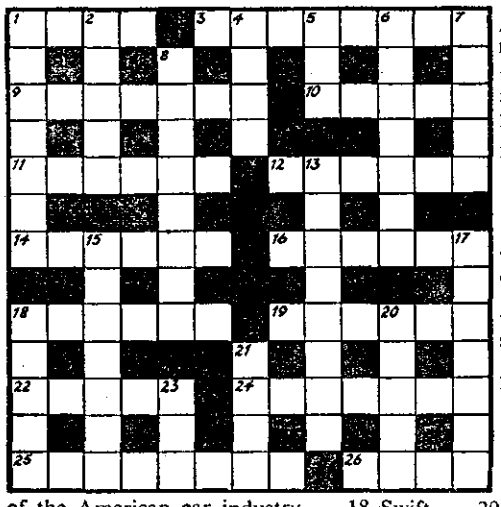
"That clock's wrong!"

OFF TO THE USA

THE National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs has chosen 24-year-old Eileen Evans of Derbyshire as its ambassadress to America. For the past five years Eileen has managed her father's poultry unit, but confesses that she doesn't like chickens—or eggs! She will sail for the USA in May, and stay on farms as the guest of the Four-H Club—American equivalent of our Young Farmers' Movement.

Vicky

Crossword puzzle

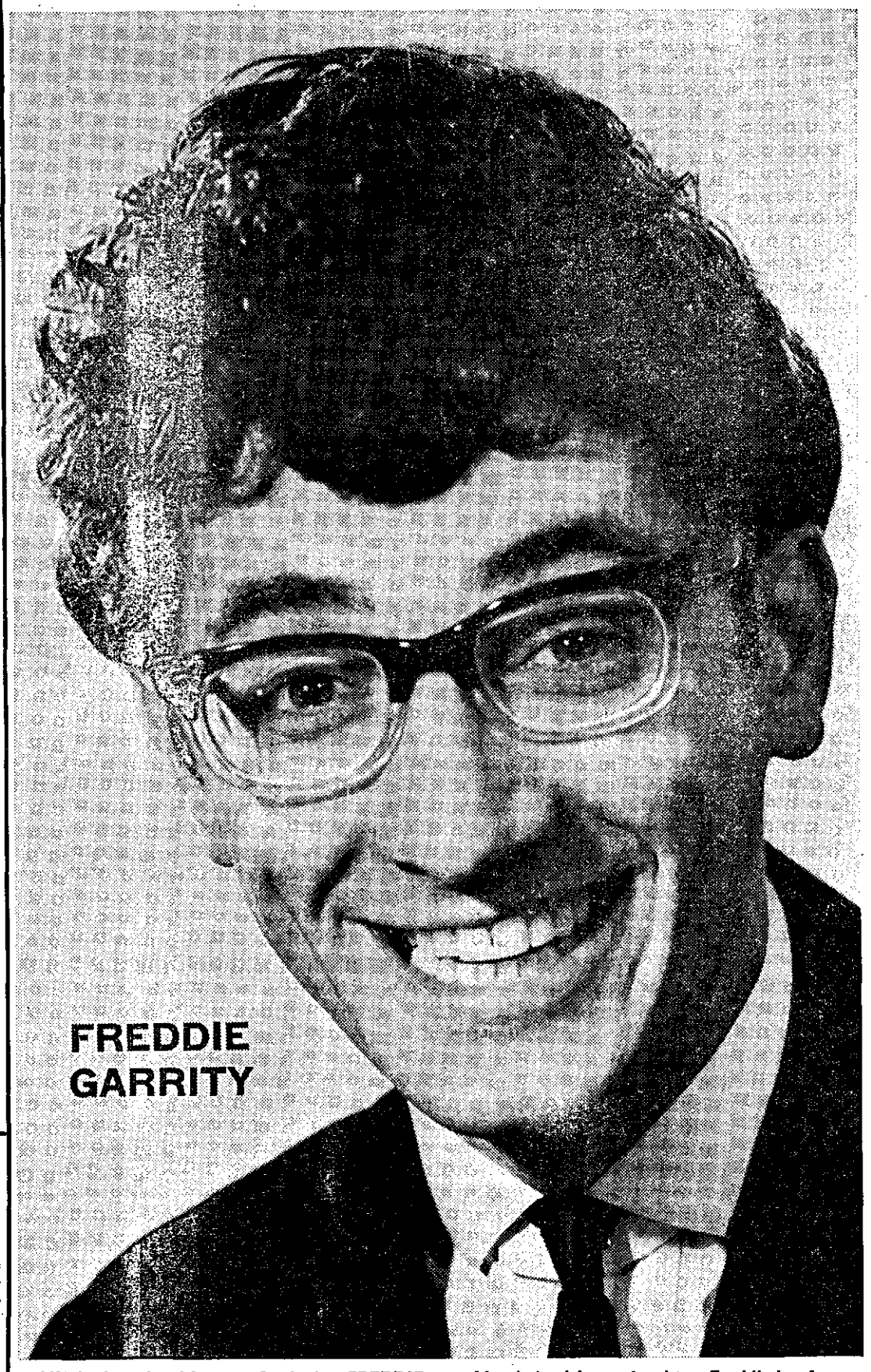


ACROSS: 1 Where money is coined. 3 Event. 9 Its capital is Ajaccio. 10 Acquire knowledge. 11 Rupture. 12 Preacher's raised platform. 14 Make possible. 16 Be present. 18 Comment. 19 Collision. 22 Freshwater fish. 24 One of Canada's Great Lakes. 25 Representative. 26 Undercover scheme. DOWN: 1 Gruesome. 2 Courage. 4 Tidy. 5 Sick. 6 Specimen. 7 A doctrine. 8 Round. 13 Eventual. 15 Highest rank of naval officer. 17 Home of the American car industry. 18 Swift. 20 Our showery month. 21 Harbour. 23 Male pig.

Answer on page 12

POP SPOT

Meet this week's pop personality — Freddie Garrity (and Group) whose Manchester beat and comic capers have won a high place in the charts



FREDDIE GARRITY

THIS is the grin of famous, fun-loving FREDDIE GARRITY—leader of The Dreamers. Their name is misleading, for they're really a wide-awake group, although, in their current hit, *You Were Made For Me*, they certainly do sound dreamy.

The rest of the group consists of three guitarists—Derek, Roy, Pete—and drummer Bernie. Individually and collectively they're a bunch of natural comedians. The Garrity gimmicks have given a comic touch to the "beat," which in this instance comes from Manchester, not Merseyside.

Among Freddie's own compositions are *If You've Gotta Make A Fool Of Somebody*—their first hit—*I'm Tellin' You Now*, and *Feel So Blue*.

Married, with one daughter, Freddie is a former engineer, clerk, art student, and milkman. He has been likened to Sammy Davis Jnr, and a clown with a touch of the Marx Brothers' magic. Maybe he's a combination of many such artists, but his own brand of fun and sense of home-spun humour are as natural as they are likeable.

***Likes*: songwriting, golf, football, Lancashire hot-pot, beef-salad, Peter Sellers and his pet labrador.**

***Dislikes*: Humourless people, class distinction and girls with too much make-up.**

***Ambition*: To make as many No. 1 discs as possible.**

Next week: *Cilla Black*

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HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

THE WORK OF THE COMMONS

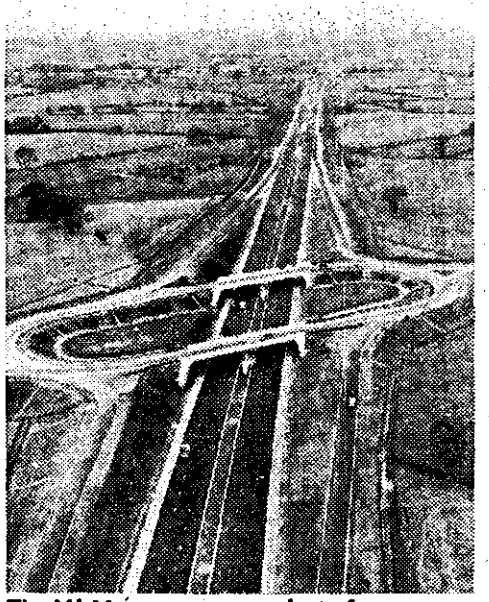
At an early stage in our history the House of Commons secured the right to control the nation's spending, and it has tried to keep a tight hold on the country's purse ever since.

The old saying goes, "He who pays the piper calls the tune." And because the taxpayer—the ordinary man in the street—provides the only money the nation has to spend, he "calls the tune" through his elected representatives in the House of Commons.

One of the major functions of the House is to decide how to raise money by taxation, and then how this "public money" should be spent.

But the House of Commons has another very important job. It has to make new laws, and (because times change) alter old ones. We have already seen that no Bill can become the law of the land (Act of Parliament) unless Parliament has agreed to it. Most Bills start life in the Commons.

The House also has to make sure that the various government



The M1 Motorway: a product of "public money"

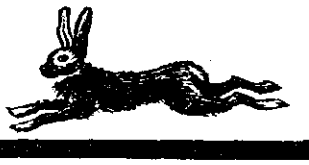
departments are doing their jobs properly and carrying out the wishes of Parliament. MPs ask questions on the subject, and these are followed by debates.

Remember that MPs represent both the Government of the day and the Opposition, and include many different shades of opinion. So the Commons debate "policy"—which means what to do and how to do it. The House will sometimes press for an inquiry into—say—the work of one of the Ministries (Defence, Education, Health, etc.) to get a full explanation and present this to the nation.

MPs have a lot to do and a very responsible job. Later in this series we will take a look at a working day in the life of an MP, and you will then see that he certainly earns his money.

Next Week: **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS**

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE

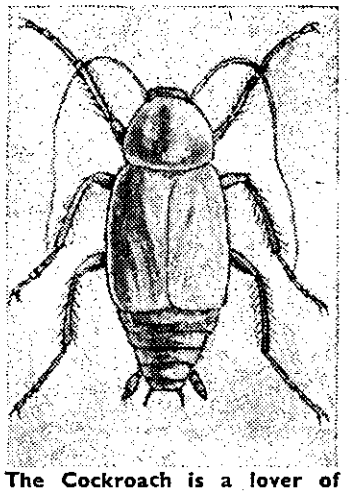


INSECTS WHICH CAME BY SHIP

Cockroaches, though rightly regarded as unpleasant pests, are nevertheless very interesting. They are commonly known as "black-beetles"—at least the two species normally found in houses are. But they are neither black nor beetles.

They are grouped with the crickets and grasshoppers—the *Orthoptera*. This name is derived from two Greek words meaning "straight-winged." The two kinds with which we are most familiar—the Common or Oriental Cockroach, and the German Cockroach—are both nearer brown than black, the former being dark brown and the latter a lighter shade, almost yellowish-brown.

by **Maxwell Knight**



The Cockroach is a lover of sweet things

Curiously enough, we do not know just where the Common Cockroach came from. It is not a native insect, but was first brought here in ships, possibly as long as 400 years ago. The German Cockroach is also an alien, but is another mis-named creature since it did not originate in Germany!

Both of these species, like other cockroaches, have wings; but the females of the Common kind have very poor and feeble ones, while the wings of both sexes of the German are fully developed.

Neither is very big—the Common being about one inch in length and the German half the size. The really large variety, found in places like warehouses, some factories, and in zoos (in the specially heated "houses") is known as the American Cockroach.

When the females breed, they produce their eggs in capsules. These eggs hatch out into larvae which, to begin with, are pale, oval creatures.

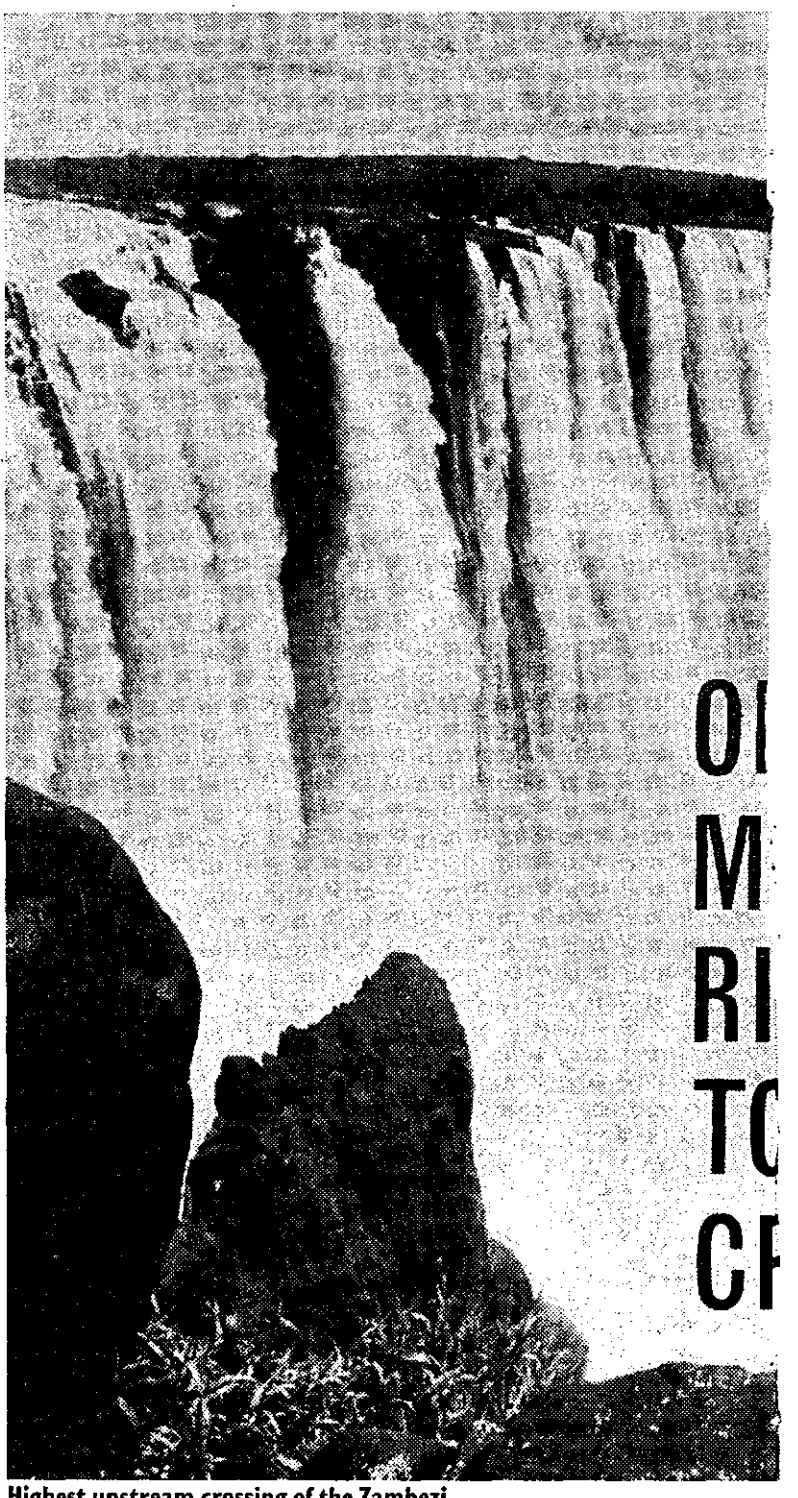
You probably know that cockroaches like the dark. It is then that they emerge from their hiding-places between floorboards, from cracks in walls, and so on. They come out to feed; and, apart from devouring most of the things which we ourselves eat, they will have a go at leather, paper, and woollen cloth. They love sweet things, and are quite thirsty, too. I once found a cockroach struggling in a half empty glass of lemonade by my bedside!

Hedgehogs Help

They are now far less common in dwelling-houses than they used to be, because modern methods of destroying them are very effective. Incidentally, should you have a few in a warm boiler-room or some such place, a pet hedgehog will soon clear them up—so long as you do *not* put down insect powder, too. This is decidedly *not* good for hedgehogs!

We do have some native cockroaches, but these live among vegetation and, as far as I know, do no damage. The cockroaches I have been writing about foul food if they can get at it, and they also spread disease.

They are pests.



Highest upstream crossing of the Zambezi (road and rail) is by the giddy bridge just below the Victoria Falls.





Learning welding at a College in Southern Rh

◀ Leaving the pit-head ab a mine in Northern Rho

Where the road cross Zambezi on the Kariba

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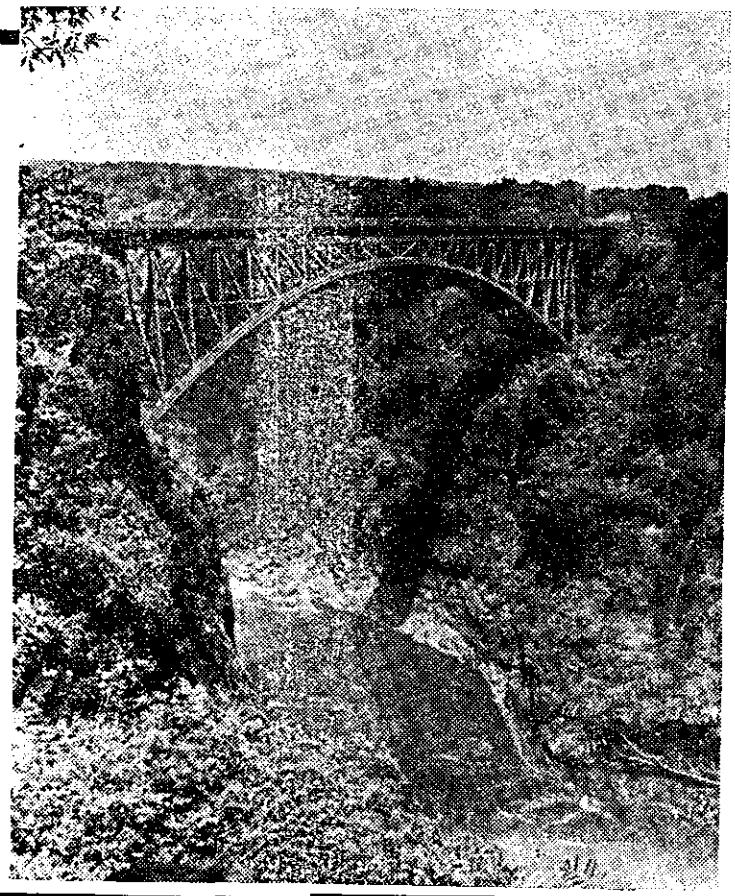
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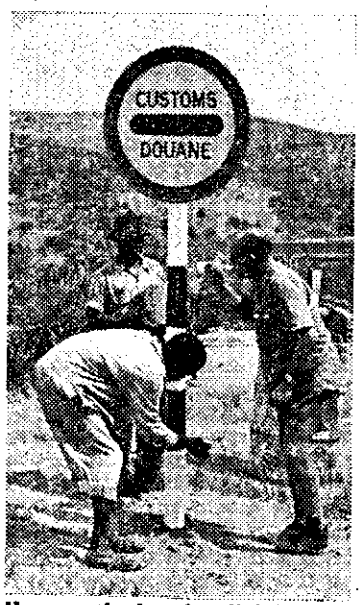
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Big road bridge at Chirundu





Up goes the barrier dividing the two Rhodesias into separate countries

THERE is a new frontier in Africa—the River Zambezi, between Northern and Southern Rhodesia *(See also page 3.)*

After ten years of troubled life, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland is no more.

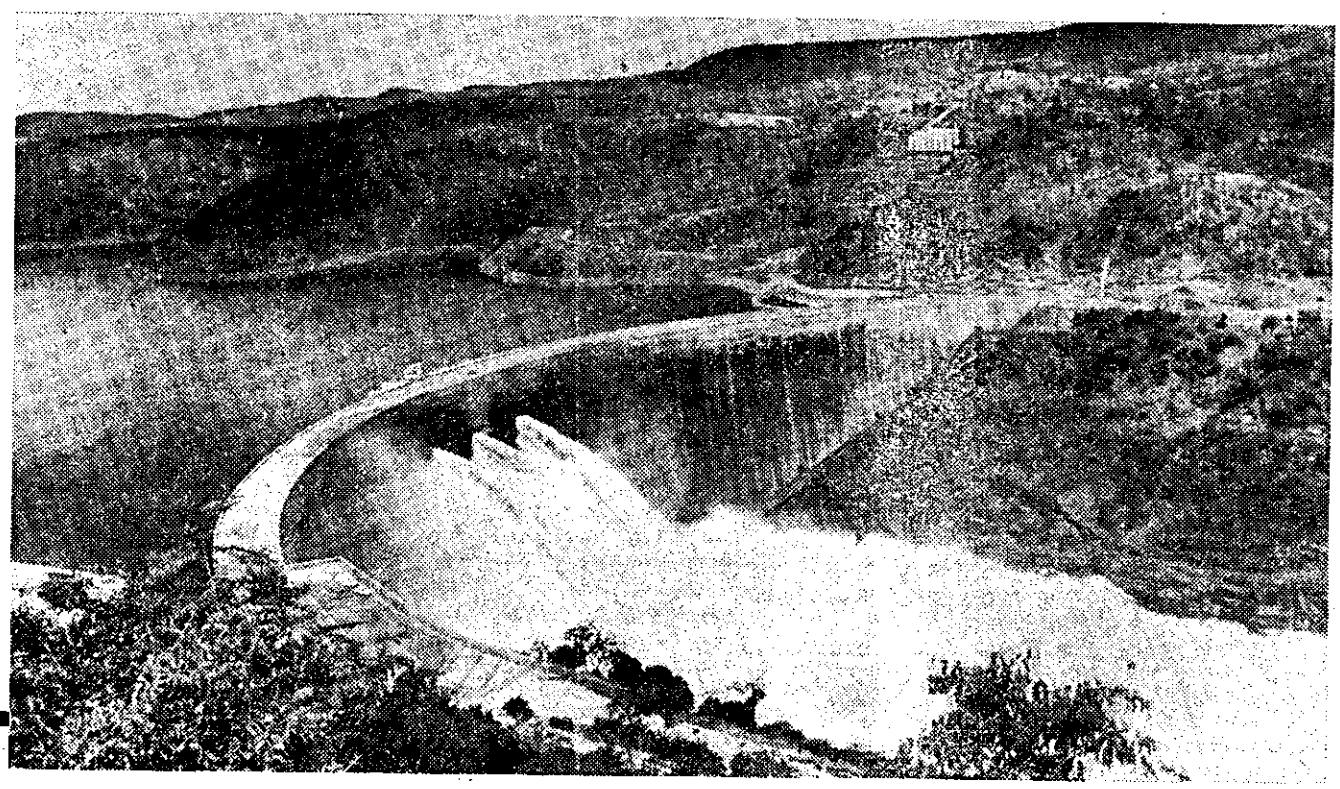
The Zambezi is bridged at only three places—Victoria Falls, the Kariba Dam and at Chirundu.

Northern Rhodesia has great wealth in her copper mines, but has only about 75,000 whites. Southern Rhodesia, whose wealth is in tobacco, asbestos and food products, has more than twice the white population of her neighbour.

The two countries, which could once trade freely with each other, are now separated by Customs.



Northern and Southern Rhodesia



From a CN Reader

SARDINIAN FESTA

WHEN we went to Sardinia for our summer holidays, we found out that there was going to be a "Festa," or feast, during our stay there; so, when the day came, we went in a coach to the top of Mt. Ortobene, where the celebration was to be held.

We found a huge gathering of people from neighbouring villages in their beautiful costumes, and all of them were either eating or roasting sucking pigs.

Looking down on all this from a railed-off space at the summit was the statue of El Redentore—the Redeemer. It had a dark complexion all over, apart from one place, on its foot, which was lighter from being kissed and rubbed continuously by the people.

Drive down the mountain

After lunch we took pictures of quite a number of groups of people, and one of them gave us three huge slices of water melon. Then we boarded the coach and were driven down the 2,700-foot mountain to Nuoro. We waited there in the narrow streets.

First of all came a group of mounted police, riding in front of about 2,000 people in costumes. These were very beautiful. After a number of groups, representing their towns, had passed, we saw the costume which was the prettiest of them all in this "Festa del Redentore." It was worn by some girls from a town called Orgosolo. This costume was decorated in brilliant red, yellow, blue and green embroidery, and had a small amount of lace on it as well.

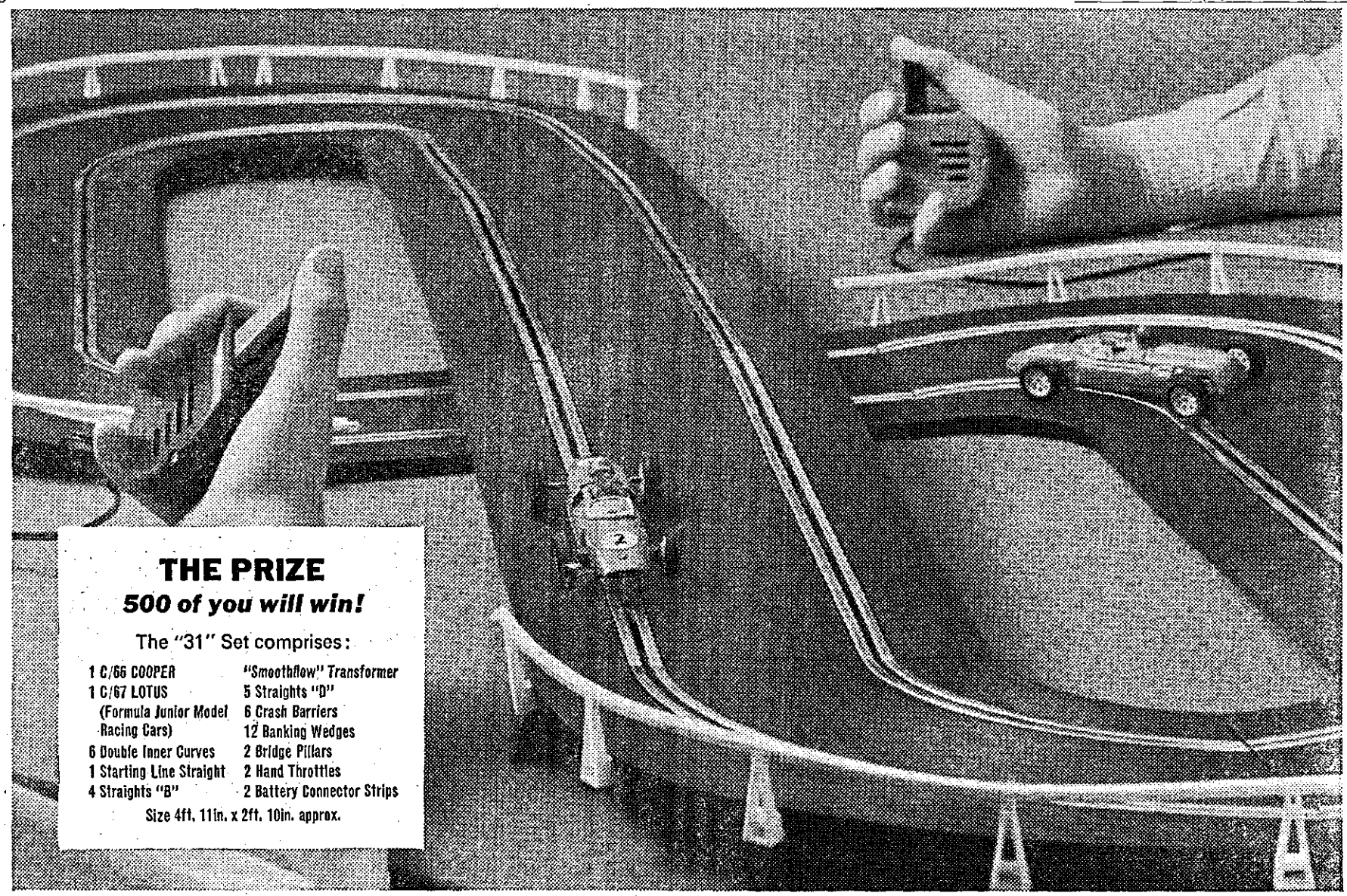
The Redeemer

When these had passed, more and more people in costumes followed, until, at the top of the hill a long way off, I saw the large wooden replica of the Redeemer.

As it came down the hill, it began to look more and more impressive. After it had passed us, the people round about just poured on to the road, which a few minutes before had had the marvellous procession walking down it.

At last, when we managed to get across the road, we made for our coach, which then took us back to Alghero, the port on the western coast of the island, where we were staying.

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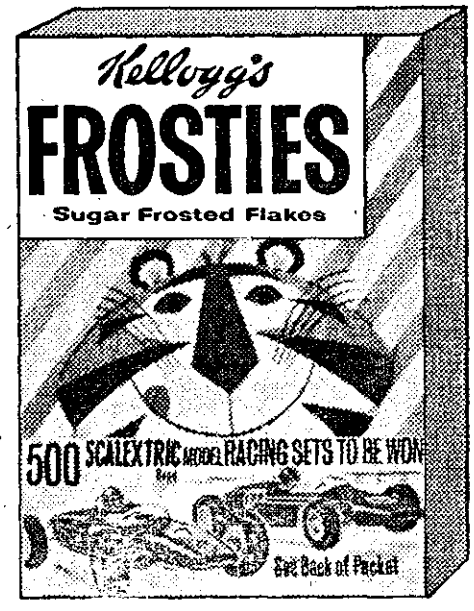
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THE ILIAD

Part 9

Night fell with the duel between Hector and Ajax still unresolved. A truce was agreed so that the dead could be buried. Afterwards, as the Trojans honoured their Gods, the Greeks built a wall of defence. This angered the Gods, whose thunder threatened disaster.

1. Still angry the next day, Jove, Father of the Gods, called all the Gods and Goddesses together. He gave them strict instructions not to intervene in the renewed battle between the Greeks and Trojans. Then, alone on a mountain summit, he watched the conflict.



2. Although fighting had begun again at dawn, the result was still in doubt hours later. First the Greeks had the upper hand. Then the tide turned in favour of the Trojans. By the time the Sun was midway across the sky, the Greeks had wrested the initiative. It was then that Jove decided to take a hand. He cast down among the Greeks an awesome thunderbolt, causing terror.



3. The Trojans were quick to rout all except the aged Nestor, whose outstanding bravery was not of his own free will. The tangled reins of his galloping horses left him no choice! Seeing his plight, Diomedes rode to the rescue and took Nestor into his chariot. Together they killed Hector's charioteer before they were forced to retreat and join the rest of the fleeing army.



4. As the Greeks fled towards their ships, even their leader, Agamemnon, despaired of being saved. Then Jove sent him an omen of good fortune—an eagle with a fawn between its talons hovered overhead. Had Jove relented? Was he about to help the Greeks?





5. Since none of the Greek warriors had any fight left in them, the Trojan hero, Hector, seemed invincible. With Jove on their side, the Trojans could not help but win. The Goddesses Juno and Minerva, however, were anxious to give help to the Greeks, but were stopped by Jove's messenger.



6. Reminded of Jove's orders not to take sides, both Goddesses obeyed. That night, Hector ordered huge fires to be lit to hinder the Greeks from reaching their ships under cover of darkness . . .

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WORLD OF STAMPS

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT AMERICAN

by C. W. Hill

MANY countries have now announced their intention of issuing special stamps in honour of the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy. The first of these commemorative issues to appear comes from the South American republic of Colombia.

The design, pictured here, features a portrait of the President and the emblem of the "Alliance for Progress." This is an organisation set up in 1961, under the President's guidance, to help the people of the poorer South American countries.

The Alliance aims to improve schools and hospital services, to build roads and houses, to train farmers to use their land more productively, and to perform other such vital tasks. In this way the Alliance for Progress hopes to raise the standard of living of all the South American peoples.



The new stamp, a 10-centavos airmail value, was produced by the British firm of Thomas De La Rue, Ltd., at their printing works in Colombia.

Another country which is preparing an issue of stamps to honour President Kennedy is the Republic of Togo, in West Africa.



The latest series from Togo consists of ten beautiful stamps showing African wild birds, flowers, butterflies, and fishes. The stamps have been designed and printed in Israel, and all the wild creatures are shown in their natural colours.

Pictured here is the 30-francs value showing the pomocanthus, a tropical fish which is black with bright yellow stripes.

FROM Israel itself comes a new series of four stamps to mark the tenth anniversary of the Israeli National Health Service. This was set up by an Act of the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, in November 1953, coming into force a few months later.

Like the National Health Service in Britain, the Israeli service helps people who are ill or have met with accidents at work. It also pays pensions to old people and to the parents of large families.



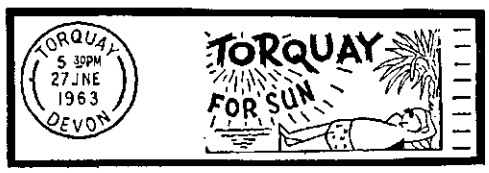
The designs of the new stamps symbolise the different branches of the Health Service. Here is the 37-agorot stamp, which shows a protecting hand supporting a father and mother with their four children. This represents the scheme of Family Allowances.

THE Cheltenham firm of R. C. Alcock Ltd., have just published two interesting books for collectors who specialise in the stamps and postmarks of Great Britain.

Scots Local Cancellations, by C. W. Meredith (15s.) is a fully illustrated account of the postmarks used between 1841 and 1860 in many of the smaller Scottish post offices.

The Philatelic Adviser Annual, by R. C. Alcock and F. C. Holland (10s.) is also mainly about postmarks, but includes articles about varieties on the Penny Red stamps of Queen Victoria's reign.

Among the modern slogan postmarks illustrated in the Annual is this summery example from Torquay.



PICK A PUZZLE

TWO FLOWERS MAKE SIX

Insert the names of two well-known flowers in the blank columns and you will form six words reading across.



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BEGINNING AND ENDING

Solve the clues correctly and the first and last letters, read downwards, will spell the names of two European rivers.

To pay a call.
Last letter of the Greek alphabet.
Not short.
South African antelope.
Book of maps.

CAN YOU FIND THE CASTLE?

My first is in bucket but never in pail,
My second's in hill and also in dale;
My third is in day but never in night,
My fourth is in red but it's missing from white.
My fifth is in North but absent from South,
My sixth is in teeth, though it isn't in mouth;
My last is in Mary but missing from Joan,
My whole is a castle well known for its stone.

PLAYING AT HOME

Can you say which soccer clubs play at these grounds?

Craven Cottage
The Hawthorns
The Baseball Ground
Deepdale
Old Trafford
Ninian Park

HIDDEN BIRDS

The name of a bird is hidden in each of the following sentences.

The mule is a stubborn animal.
It rained in the afternoon.
How long will you be?
His presents included a scooter.
He wrenched his ankle as he fell.

Answers to puzzles are on page 12

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C N fiction

IN THOSE DAYS IN CALIFORNIA YOU COULD GET RICH BY THE MEREST CHANCE

BY THE GREAT HORN SPOON!

When Jack and Praiseworthy finally catch up with the thief Cut-Eye-Higgins (now posing as a dentist), he is due to be hanged for horse-stealing!

Arriving in the nick of time, Praiseworthy manages to delay the hanging for a spell by pretending that Jack has terrible toothache. He promises to help set Cut-Eye free in return for the stolen map of the gold-fields. The fake dentist gives the map to Praiseworthy.

12. Lucky strike!

by Sid Fleischman

JACK swallowed hard and opened his mouth as Cut-Eye Higgins wiped the forceps on his sleeve. Praiseworthy studied the map. Within seconds he saw that the all-important "X" on it marked Shirt-Tail Camp as the gold-mine location. From his own observations of the place, he knew it had already been worked a hundred times over.

"This map's no good," he snapped.

"I didn't say it was," Cut-Eye said. "Except to make my hat fit. But that's the map Buckbee's brother made before he died. The same. The genuine article. Only by the time I got here there were a hundred miners on the spot."

Jack moaned as best he could with the forceps trying to spread his teeth apart. Their fifty-fifty share of Dr. Buckbee's mine was worthless. Cut-Eye Higgins had led them on a wild-goose chase.

"Get me out of this noose," said Cut-Eye Higgins. "That was our bargain, wasn't it?"

Praiseworthy ripped the map to bits. He'd given his word and he had to stand by it.

"Gentlemen," he said, turning to the Justice of the Peace and the others grouped around him. "I take it you have acted as judge and jury in this case?"

"That's right," answered the official. "He got a fair trial; and anyway, he was caught red-handed."

"Was he represented by counsel?"

"What for? We knew he was guilty."

"Under what law do you intend to dispatch Doc Higgins from the limb of that tree?"

"Why, everybody knows horse stealin' is agin the law."

"What law?"

"Now listen here, stranger. There ain't a law book within fifty miles that I know of. I hear they had one over at Growlersburg, but it was printed on thin paper and the boys took to rollin' cigarettes with it. Speakin' for myself, I don't see any reason to let law interfere with justice around here. We never did before."

PRAISEWORTHY began pacing slowly back and forth.

"In the absence of book law, gentleman," he said, "I recommend to your notice that humanity is also lacking in this case. You're about to string up the only dentist in these diggings. Is that human? He may deserve his fate, but what of the innocent whose only crime is to come down with the toothache?" Praiseworthy turned and made a grand, courtroom gesture towards Jack. "Like my young partner there. Think of the pain and suffering you will inflict on those in dire need of a tooth extractor. Tomorrow it may be you, sir, with your cheek swelled up like a melon. Or you, sir, with a pain in your jaw as if you had a bee for a molar stinging away from morning till night."

One by one, Praiseworthy singled out the gentlemen of the jury, and one by one they found themselves rubbing their jaws as if they could almost feel a toothache coming on. Praiseworthy had never made a speech in his life, but the words rolled off his tongue, and he could feel their effect on the crowd.

When he finished he was greeted with a yell of approval.

"He's talkin' sense," someone called out.

"The doc can't pull teeth if he's six feet under."

"We could put him in jail."

The Justice of Shirt-Tail Camp shook his head.

"Boys," he said, "we ain't got a jail. You know that. The verdict was string him up, but I suppose I could delay sentence. Until another tooth extractor shows up in these parts. There's bound to be one before long. *Then* we'll get on with the sentence."

THERE was general approval from the crowd, and two toothaches broke out on the spot. Praiseworthy was astonished by the power he had found in his voice. The two miners got in line at the molasses barrel and Jack was glad to give up his place.

"My tooth has stopped hurting," he said, and Cut-Eye Higgins gave him a wink with his bad eye.

"Doc Higgins," said the Justice of the Peace, "you got yourself a temporary reprieve. When you finish with them extractin' jobs, you stand still and we're going to build a jail house around you. There'll be visitin' hours for anyone with the toothache. But I'll see you hung yet—and soon as possible." He turned to Praiseworthy. "Stranger, I promised the Doc a good buryin' befittin' a professional man. Might as well get all in readiness. Since you appointed yourself counsel for the defence, you get up in the hills and dig him a restin' place. Make it six feet deep."

"Why six feet?"

"Don't be cantankerous or I'll fine you for bein' in contempt of court. Everybody knows a grave has got to be six feet deep. Get goin'."

The two partners returned to their burro and led him into the hills above the diggings.

"You sure made a good speech," Jack said. "It was something to hear. A regular lawyer couldn't have done better. And you saved Cut-Eye Higgins from being strung up."

"It's just temporary—which is about all he deserves."



"We've done it, Jack, we've done it!" Praiseworthy roared.

THEY chose a bare spot about half a mile from camp. It was on a bluff covered with oat straw and overlooking the river. They pulled pick and shovel from Stubb's pack ropes and set to work.

"Fine-looking country, isn't it?" Praiseworthy muttered. "Even to be buried in."

Jack tried not to think about Boston. It would soon be time to start back, and they had nothing to show for their labours.

Poor Aunt Arabella, he thought. She would lose the house for sure. The entire trip to California was beginning to look like a wild-goose chase.

When they got the hole four feet deep, they couldn't go any farther. They hit bedrock.

And struck gold! Jack jumped very nearly a foot.

"By the Great Horn Spoon!" he yelled. "Look!"

"I see it!"

"Pay dirt!"

And Praiseworthy exclaimed, "Yeller as can be!"

The gold revealed itself like bits of sunlight trapped in the loosened earth. The two partners scrambled out of the pit and flung their hats in the air. In sheer exuberance they clasped hands and swung around and around by the oblong pit.

"We've done it, Jack, we've done it!" Praiseworthy roared.

"We've struck it rich!"

IT was a moment before Jack, in his excitement, realised that Praiseworthy had called him *Jack*. Not Master Jack. Just Jack. Plain Jack—the way he'd always wanted it to be!

He thought he'd never stop leaping for joy, but then he fished out a golden lump and beat it with a stone. "Flat as a button!"

"Cut some stakes—quick, Jack."

Anything would do. Praiseworthy drew his tattered umbrella from their pack and pounded it into the ground. It made a fine corner post for their claim. Jack stripped a fallen pine limb with their clasp knife. Praiseworthy measured out fifty feet, by strides, which would give them plenty of elbow room. Soon they had the boundaries staked and Jack ran from corner to corner hanging tin cans in place. They had their claim, legal as could be.

And Praiseworthy laughed, "Cut-Eye Higgins has done us a good turn—in spite of himself!"

AFTER the first day's washings Praiseworthy went to Coloma to buy a Long Tom and Jack stayed behind with the squirrel gun to keep an eye on things. Within twenty-four hours miners had staked claims everywhere around them. The place quickly got the name of Gravediggers' Hill.

Praiseworthy and Jack worked from morning till night. They carried pay dirt bucket by bucket down the slope to the sluice box in the river. The hole grew wider and longer. They filled a buckskin pouch and tied it off at the top.

Hour after hour Praiseworthy swung the pick, and day after day Jack emptied bucket after bucket into the Long Tom. Their fortune grew heavier.

"Won't Aunt Arabella be surprised when we walk in!" Jack grinned one night after supper. Praiseworthy was smoking one of his Long Nine cigars. "Why, we'll be able to use sacks of gold for doorstops!"

Praiseworthy gazed into the coffee fire and his fingers touched Miss Arabella's small portrait buttoned in the pocket of his shirt. She was so far away, a continent away, in Boston. He wondered what she was doing at that very moment. Staring into the fireplace and thinking of him, perhaps? But that was nonsense, he told himself quickly, and turned from the fire. He must not forget his place.

Once back in Boston, he would take up his old duties again. He was, he reminded himself firmly, born and bred a butler—like his father before him, and *his* father before him. Miss Arabella would be lost without him. Why, Boston would never accept him as anything but what he was—a butler.

Still, Boston was a long way off, and there was the sound of the river below to enjoy, and the cigar between his teeth to savour.

NEXT morning a miner came rushing up the hill from Shirt-Tail Camp.

"Doc Higgins has escaped!"

"What's that?" said Praiseworthy, dropping his pick.

"Yup. During the night. He used them forceps of his on the jail house we built. Pulled the nails through like he was yankin' teeth and got a board loose. Slipped right out. He's long gone by now, and good riddance."

Praiseworthy wiped the sweat that had rolled down into his whiskers.

"MAYBE he learned a lesson, but I doubt it."

It was a relief to know that the old rogue had got away. After all, it was he who had made their fortune!

To be continued

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WILL THERE BE A MASTER OF SPORT?

THE English Open Table Tennis Championships are being held at Brighton on 25th-29th February. The competition usually attracts strong players from all parts of Europe, and this season looks like being a particularly exciting one, with the chief table-tennis countries taking part.

A year ago Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon took the women's doubles title, to become the only English winners. The men's singles went to Zoltan Berczik of Hungary; the women's singles was won by Maria Alexandru of Rumania; and the mixed doubles final was a Hungarian affair!

It is not considered likely that our own players will be able to make much change in the situation. There is, however, an added incentive for home players; the English Table Tennis Association has introduced a new title—Master of Sport.

This title will be given to any English player winning a singles title. One who may become a Master of Sport by the end of the Open championships is Mary Shannon, the 19-year-old Surrey girl who is a radiographer at a London hospital.



Mary Shannon, English Closed champion

As already mentioned, she partnered Diane Rowe when winning the doubles last year. Mary also holds the English Closed and the Irish Open titles, defeating Diane Rowe (No. 1 player) in each final.

Mary has been going from strength to strength, and her performances in the coming English Open may well be far better than they were a year ago.

SJOUJKE IS ON TOP OF THE WORLD!

THE European, the Olympic, and the World championships: that was the programme which the world's finest ice-skaters faced about seven weeks ago. The final part of that programme, the World championships, begins at Dortmund, Germany, next Tuesday, 25th February.

For a week there will be keen competition for the Men's, Ladies', and Pairs figure titles, and for the ice-dancing championship.

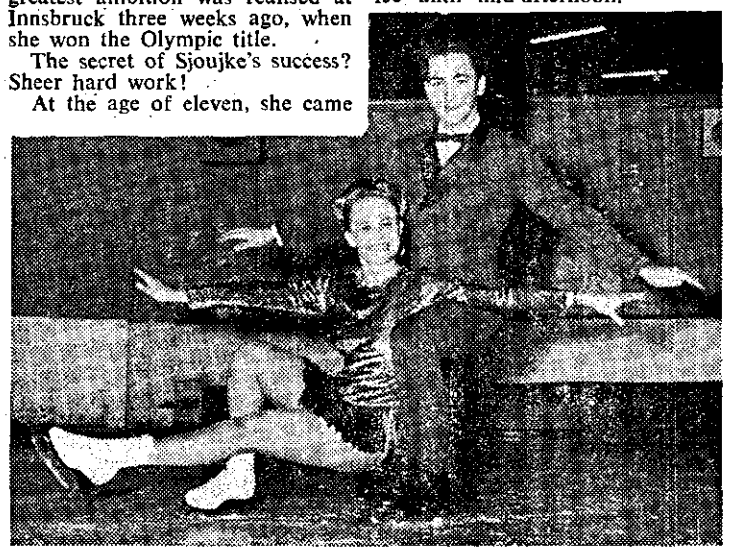
Of all the great personalities at Dortmund, undoubtedly the most remarkable will be Sjoujke Dijkstra of the Netherlands. European, World, and Olympic titles—she holds them all!

She won her first major title—the European—in 1960, and has held it ever since. In 1962, Sjoujke won the World championship, and retained it last year. But her greatest ambition was realised at Innsbruck three weeks ago, when she won the Olympic title.

The secret of Sjoujke's success? Sheer hard work!

At the age of eleven, she came to England to be coached by the great Arnold Gerschwiler. That was eleven years ago, and each year since then she has left her home near Amsterdam to spend six months with friends who live within a few minutes of the Richmond Ice Rink.

Every weekday, at six in the morning, Sjoujke is at the rink, where she spends sessions on the ice until mid-afternoon.



Yvonne Suddick (18) and Roger Kennerson (19), the Richmond Club pair, will compete in the ice-dancing events at Dortmund

Sjoujke's path to success has been a hard one, but she has found it all very worth while. Next week she will try to win the world title for the third time. But she is already on top of the world!

TWO other personalities expected to reach the top are the Russian pair, Lyudmila Belousova and Oleg Protopopova. In the past two years they have finished second in both the European and World championships. But at the Olympics last month they succeeded in beating their old rivals, the German pair Marika Kilius and Hans Baumler.

By present-day standards, Lyudmila at 27 and Oleg, 30, are rather old to have reached the peak of success in such a strenuous sport. In fact, they were rather late in taking it up; Oleg was 15 and Lyudmila 16 before they began ice skating. They became a team in 1955, and were married two years later.



Sjoujke Dijkstra is the best in the world

SCHOOLBOY SOCCER

THE first of the season's schoolboy international soccer matches will be played on Saturday, 22nd February, when Wales meet Ireland at the Vetch Field, Swansea.

This will be the 30th meeting (including the junior matches, 1949-1956) between the two countries; Wales have won 16 times and Ireland seven. In Belfast last season the Welsh boys won by three clear goals.

THE Central Council of Physical Recreation is organising a soccer course at the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth in the form of a Sports Training Holiday from 8th to 15th August.

This residential course, arranged in co-operation with The Football Association of Wales, is intended to provide an opportunity for players between the ages of 15 and 19 to receive training under the guidance of expert coaches.

Enrolment will be before 31st March, and anyone interested should send for application forms and other information from the CCPR at 52 Charles Street, Cardiff, or 2a Chester Street, Wrexham.

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Crossword Puzzle (P5): ACROSS: 1 Mint. 3 Incident. 9 Corsica. 10 Learn. 11 Breach. 12 Pulpit. 14 Enable. 16 Attend. 18 Remark. 19 Impact. 22 Perch. 24 Ontario. 25 Delegate. 26 Plot. DOWN: 1 Macabre. 2 Nerve. 4 Neat. 5 Ill. 6 Example. 7 Tenet. 8 Circular. 13 Ultimate. 15 Admiral. 17 Detroit. 18 Rapid. 20 April. 21 Port. 23 Hog.

(P10): Playing At Home: Fulham; West Bromwich Albion; Derby Co.; Preston North End; Manchester United; Cardiff City. **Hidden Birds:** Emu; tern; owl; coot; wren.

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